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Speaker Bios

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Lynn McGee is the Program Manager for Education/Workforce Alliance at the Foundation for the Mid South (FMS). As program manager she works to build the communities, resources, and leadership of Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi through change strategies based on regional cooperation. Lynn joined the staff of FMS as the Education Program Officer in 1996.

The Workforce Alliance Initiative is a tri-state community change model that affords community stakeholders an opportunity to work together to revitalize workforce education and training systems throughout the Delta; its ultimate objective is to serve as a mechanism for community change and for creating a globally competitive workforce at the local level. Throughout the year Lynn coordinates numerous training and resource development events to build the capacity of the region's institutional and community leadership.

Lynn's professional history is rich in diversity. Former work experiences include faculty, career counselor, and job developer positions at colleges in Texas and Mississippi, human resource development and training director for a multi-site plastics manufacturer and assembler, coordinator of a mental health partial hospitalization program, director of multi-county employability skills training and alternative education programs, and a private consultant for organizations, institutions, and foundations in the areas of human and organizational development. Although diverse, her career has maintained one common thread---human capital development.

Lynn, a native of Starkville, Mississippi, has a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Tougaloo College and a Master's Degree in Reading (with certification in Speech and Hearing) from the University of Southern Mississippi. A strong advocate for workforce development, she is an active member of the National Alliance of Business, the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals, the Southern Employment and Training Association, the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, and several other national workforce and education organizations. In September of 2000 she was appointed to the Board of Directors for the Highlander Research and Education Center.